

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:232
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2007
REVIVAL OF BRAHMAPUTRA WATERWAY
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for reviving the Brahmaputra Waterway which was declared as National Waterway No.2;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the funds for the project are likely to be met;
- (d) whether the work on the projects has commenced;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the action plan prepared by the Government in this regard; and
- (g) the time by which the said waterway is likely to be made functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH 2007 RAISED BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA REGARDING REVIVAL OF BRAHMAPUTRA WATERWAY.

(a) to (g): The River Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya was declared as National Waterway in 1988 and is being developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) by providing Inland Water Transport infrastructure including navigational channel, navigational aids and terminals. For making this waterway fully functional, IWAI has prepared an Action Plan with an estimated additional cost of Rs. 203.10 crore. The Action Plan envisages a fairway with 2 m/1.5 m depth, 24 hours navigational aids and judicious mix of fixed and floating terminals. Specific projects have been identified. The Action Plan is proposed to be implemented by 31.3.2009 subject to availability of funds. Out of the total 16 projects of this Action Plan, 13 have been sanctioned and these are under implementation, while remaining three are under process of sanctioning. Funds for implementation of these projects would be met from budgetary support by the Government.